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A Device for and a Method of Fixing and Lifting Vertically

Installed Cargo Pressure Tanks in Ships

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202 January 5, 2005

Commissioner for Patents Mail Stop - New PCT Application P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It is requested that U.S. national stage examination be carried out on the claims as amended.

Prior to computing the filing fee in this application, kindly amend the above identified application, as follows. The filing fee is to be computed on the claims of the application, as amended.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendment to the Abstract begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.